

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A network and system for acting as an information collection service or a polling service by allowing the purchaser to select the recipient of the commission. In a preferred embodiment the user can select from at least one non-profit organization among the selections resulting in a tax deductible gift. By tracking the user selections through the assignment of commissions, the system can keep track of the preferences of users. In a further extension of this invention, the commission system can be used as a proxy for calculating votes of users for certain organizations or causes or other entities or even principals represented by crediting the commission or vote to particular organizations, causes, or ideas. The votes can be tabulated in a contest fashion to calculate a winning person, organization, cause or idea. The length of time which users will be allowed to vote can be controlled by the site dependent on time, total money or votes tabulated, or other criteria.